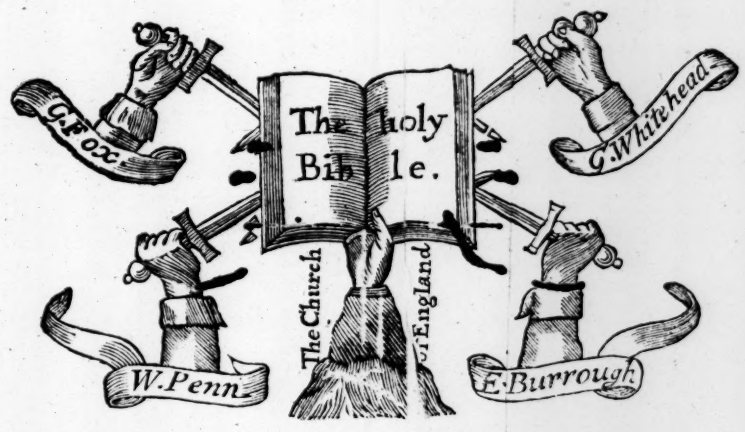
Come, and behold (a thing moſt true,)
The **Quakers**, how they do purſue;

With Daggers Points, GOD's holy Word,
It to deſtroy, with one Accord.

Lo! how it breaks their Daggers keen,
And makes thoſe **Monſters** to be ſeen.

True and Righteous are THY Judgments
LORD GOD ALMIGHTY,
Who



Who will not Fear THEE, and Reverence THY WORD?

This Note is (in this Impreſſion) here placed, and added at the Requeſt of Mr. *John Pennyman*; who (in his private Faſt, *Jan.* 30. 1650.) was converted from his vain Converſation [only and *Alone*] by reading of the Scriptures, which may be ſeen more at large in the Book of his Life, p. 2, 3, 4.

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Of the Quakers Deſpiſing the Holy Scriptures.

As appears in their Preachers printed BOOKS, as follows; Collected in the fear of the LORD, for no other end, but to move the QUAKERS to get all their Errors retracted, and to Caution all others againſt them.

BY calling the Scriptures, the *Rule*, and the *Word*, (ſays George Fox their firſt and great Apoſtle) have all Men run into their Senſes, into Confuſion: 1. IT's Blaſphemy to ſay the *Letter* is the *Word of God*, it is the Devil that contends for the Scriptures, to be *the Word of God*. 2. IN NO SENSE, can the Scriptures properly be called *The Word of God*: 3.

TO ſay that the Scriptures is the *Word* of *Truth* is a Lye. 4.

THEY are blind Sots, and evil Beaſts, that ſay the Scriptures are the *Written Word of God*. And that thou calleſt the Word (in the Scripture) which is Death and killeth, *&c.* GOD does not ſpeak in the Scripture. LET ſhame cover the Faces of thoſe rotten filthy Dreamers, that ſay the *Scriptures* are a *Means* whereby Faith is wrought: 5. HOW can, or dare any to ſay without the higheſt Blaſphemy, that the Scripture is the Word of GOD? 6.

WE Quakers meet not to read the Scriptures, 7. FOR they are imperfect Copies, 8. WHICH Tranſcriptions and Tranſlations were they never ſo certain, and entirely anſwering to their firſt original Copies, yet are not capable to be (to all Men) any other than a *Lesbian Rule, or a Noſe* of Wax. 9. THE Scriptures not the Saints Rule. 10.

WHETHER *Moſes*, or *Hermes*, was the firſt Pen-man of them, and whether both theſe are not one, or whether there are not many words contained in the Scriptures, which were not ſpoken by Inſpiration of the Holy Ghoſt; whether ſome Words were not ſpoken by the **Grand Impoſtor**, ſome by wicked Men, ſome by wiſe Men ill applied, ſome by good Men ill expreſſed, ſome by falſe Prophets, and yet true, ſome by true Prophets and yet falſe. 11.

Qr. HOW it may be known aſſuredly, uncontrolably, and infallibly, that the Scripture is at all of GOD, and not a cunning deviſed Fable and Invention of Men, 12. YET the Scriptures are much like the ſhadow of the true rule, 13. BEING Parables to all the World, but are no Parable to us Quakers. 14 FOR not a Jot, or Tittle of them, can be underſtood without *Immediate Revelation*. 15.

IT was not a Bible, but Chriſt, that the Saints Preached to bring People to Repentance. 16.

HE that ſaith the *Letter* is *Light*, is in *Darkneſs*, and Blindneſs, and is a *Deceiver*, ſeeking the Living among the Dead: 17.

THE curſed Serpent is in the *Letter*,* which is Earthly, and Carnal, Death, Beaſtly Ware, Ink, and Paper; ſo Duſt is the Serpents Meat, their original is *Duſt*, *Hebrew*, *Greek*, and *Latin*, which is the *Letter*. So theſe Serpents feed upon Duſt, which feed upon theſe carnal Things, and their *Goſpel* is Duſt, *Matthew*, *Mark*, *Luke*, and *John*, which is the Letter which killeth: 18. SO that Faith in the Hiſtory of Chriſt's outward Manifeſtation, has been a deadly Poyſon, theſe latter Ages has been infected with: 19.

THE Scriptures are the attire of the Whore, or falſe Church, which brings none to know God, and Chriſt. 20. BUT the Goſpel, that we [Quakers] Preach, we neither received of Man nor from Man, but by *Immediate Revelation*: 21. WE are taught of Gods Spirit immediately without *Means*, *Tool*, or *Inſtrument*: 22. THE Law written in our Hearts, which to us is an *Abſolute Rule*: 23. Therefore we are not to obey any Command in Scripture before the Spirit in us, [not our own Spirits] firſt move thereto, no not to Prayer, and giving God Thanks, with our Hats off, before Dinner or Family Prayer, or catechizing Children or Servants: 24.

FOR the Scriptures are not the Saints Rule, of knowing God, and living unto him: 25. THE *Spirit* is our *only* and *alone* Rule: 26. OF Faith, Guide of Life, and Judge of Controverſies: 27. NOTHING elſe muſt teach (in our Meetings) nothing elſe judge, *&c.* Not to truſt *Paul*, nor *Peter*, who err'd, but the Spirit cannot err: 28. THE which infallible Spirit, or Light, that every Man hath, being turned to it, will (without the Scriptures) lead all Men out of Deluſion: 29. AND we affirm, that our giving forth Papers, or printed Books, it is from the *Immediate Eternal Spirit* of God: 30. SO that what is ſpoken from the Spirit of Truth, in any, is of as great Authority, as the Scriptures, and Chapters are, and GREATER: 31.

WHICH *Spirit*, is the Light that every Man is born with: 32. AND this Light we take to be the Grace of God, which taught Chriſt's Apoſtles to deny Ungodlineſs, *Tit* 2. 11. (Becauſe our learned Preacher *W. Penn*, ſays,) there is no Natural Light in Man, and that it's Natural to Man to have a Supernatural Light. 33. AND tho our Oppoſers ſay, that the Light we were born with, is only ſome natural Reaſon, or Underſtanding common to all Men, both *Jews* and *Gentiles*, yet we believe them not, for we hold it ſufficient, (if obeyed) to Salvation without any thing elſe. 34. AND tho' our Oppoſers blame us for denying the Scriptures to be our Rule, yet we make uſe of the Scriptures to anſwer them, not that we make them our Rule, and Touchſtone inſtead of the Spirit: 35.

AND now our Oppoſers have found that our printed Books agree not with the Scriptures, we tell them [A. Lie] *viz.* That we have always readily offered, and ſubmitted our Words and Writings to the Teſtimony of H. Scripture. 36. YET we would not meet *G. K.* in publick theſe Four Years, becauſe he ſaith he will prove us fallible Men, which we, cannot bear, though we grant that *Samuel*, *Elijah*, *Eliſha*, and others, had failings, but what is that to us. 37. FOR we can now, otherwiſe word the Matter, tho our Intentions be the ſame, as we have done in our new Confeſſions of Faith; but our Oppoſers think we are not ſincere, while we cloak the Errors in our Books. 38.

AND our Oppoſers ſee, that our new Creeds are quite contrary to our ancient Books, and continue blaming us, when we tell them (*viz.*) our Principles are now no other than what they were, when we were firſt a People. 39. THUS their Preachers can keep none in Ignorance except their Hearers.

Objection, If any ſay, this Man has not given full Quotations out of our Books, though he may have given the Senſe of them.

Anſwer, My deſigned Method, (ſays W. *Penn*) is not the common Road of printing my Adverſaries Words at large, on all Occaſions, *&c.*

☞ Note, that whereas the Quakers finding that Chriſt is called *the word of* GOD in Scripture, therefore they will not allow the Holy Scriptures to be called *the Word of* GOD, nor the Sermons truly preached from it; though the Quakers frequently called their own Writings, *The word of* GOD, and *the word of the* LORD.† Then

1. I ask them, how ſome of Old made *the word of* GOD *of none effect*? *Mark* 7. 13. They could not ſo uſe Chriſt. 2. How the *Corinthians* corrupted *the word of* GOD? 2 *Cor.* 2. 17. 3*dly*. How the Devil could take *the word of* GOD out of Peoples Hearts? *Luke* 8. 11.

Laſtly, I deſire ſuch Quakers as have Eyes, to ſee whither their Teachers Books agree with the Holy Scriptures or no, and let them well conſider, *Matt.* 6. 23. *If therefore the Light that is in thee, be Darkneſs, how great is that Darkneſs.*

1 *G. Fox's Gr. Myſt. p.* 18. 68. 75. 246. 302.
2 *G. Fox Myſt. p.* 246. *Lawſon's untaught Teacher, p.* 2.
3 *J. Naylor's* Anſw. to the *Jews, p.* 22. 25.
4 *John Whitehead's* and *R. Ruckhill's Quaker Refuge, p.* 17.
5 *G. Whitehead*, &c. *Iſhmael*, &c. *p.* 12. &c.
6 *Geo. Biſhop's Mene Tekel, p.* 22.
7 *R. Barclay's Works p.* 12.
8 *W. Penn's Invalidity of J. Faldo's Vindication, p.* 77.
9 *Samuel Fiſher's Works, p.* 752.
10 *Idem p.* 460. *W. Penn's Inv. p.* 69.
11 *John Whitehead*, *&c.* above *p.* 17.
12 *S. Fiſher's Addit. Append. p.* 21.
13 *W. Penn's Spirit of Truth vin. p.* 38.
14 *Js. Parnel's Shield of Truth, p.* 10. *&c.*
15 *W. Penn's Inval. p.* 43. 47.
16 *Truth vindicated by John Petman* and *Jaſper Bat, p.* 45.
17 *James Parnel's Shield*, *&c. p.* 10. *&c.*
18 *G. Fox. Saul's Errand, p.* 7. and *his News out of the North, p.* 14. and *his Truth Def. p.* 14. 45, 102.
* *Geo. Fox's Truth Def. p.* 102.
19 *W. Penn's Quakeriſm a new nick Name, &c. p.* 6. *&c.*
20 *Fran. Howgil's Works, p.* 211. and *S. Criſp's Prim. p.* 23.
21 *R. Barckley's Works, p.* 13.
22 *L. Richardſon to Bennet, p.* 42. printed 1664. and *Step. Criſp's Sermons, p.* 13. 1694.
23 *Truth vind. by J. Petman &c.* above *p.* 45.
24 *Ed. Burrough's Works, p.* 47. *Iſ. Penington's* Exam. *p.* 81. *John Petm. &c.* above, *p.* 31.
25 *Chriſt. Atkinſon, Sword of the Lord drawn, &c. p.* 2.
26 *Ed. Burrough everlaſting Goſpel, p.* 47. 18.
27 *W. Penn's Inv. p.* 69. *&c.*
28 *Iſ. Penington Examin. p.* 85.
29 *G. Fox Myſt p.* 168
30 *G. Fox*, and *R. Hubberthorn's Truth defen. p.* 104.
31 *W. Penn*, and *G. Whitehead's Serious Apology, p.* 49. *G. W. Truth Def. p.* 7.
32 *G. Fox Myſt. p.* 20. 209.
33 *W. Penn's Primitive Chriſtianity, p.* 15. 30.
34 *G. Whitehead's Antidote, p.* 28. *Hereſie and Hatred by G. K. p.* 1.
35 *Geo. Whitehead's Apoſtate Incend. p.* 14.
36 *G. Whitehead's Switch, p.* 229.
* See *G. Keith's* Four Narratives.
37 *Geo. Whitehead's Switch, p.* 497.
38 *Geo. Whitehead's counterfeit Convert. p.* 72.
39 *Joſeph Wyeth's Primitive Chriſtianity*, with other Books of their Hereſies that might be mentioned *Serious Apol. p.* 79.
† *G. Fox Vials of Wrath, &c. p.* 7. 1654 *p.* 9. and *p.* 12. and in *The way to the Kingdom*, printed 1655. *p.* 14. and in his ſeveral Papers, *&c. p.* 62.

W. Mather (*of* Bedford) *who was a* Quaker *above Forty Years, but is now returned to Chriſtianity.*

The *Quakers* did not only write and ſpeak contemptuouſly of the Scriptures formerly, but alſo one of their Ancient Friends, *viz. M. Tucker* did actually and publickly burn the BIBLE againſt *Breadſtreet* Church: She was Servant to Mr. *Rayman* a Barber, who then lived in that Street, and now lives in *Queenſtreet* in *Cheapſide*, who has often teſtified the Truth of this Relation.

Note Reader, the Printed Sheet publiſhed by ſome *Quakers* (but without any Name) called, *The great Calumny of the Quakers deſpiſing the Holy Scriptures*, is throughout impudently Fallacious; firſt in charging the Quotations taken out of the *Quakers* Books, to be unjuſtly perverted, and confuſedly curtailed and crouded, which yet are moſt truly and fairly given, and repreſented (excepting ſome ſmall Errata of the Print now corrected;) 2dly, In their giving Quotations out of their own Books, curtailed on purpoſe to hide their Errors. 3dly, In paſſing by the moſt offenſive and ſcandalous Quotations, given out of the *Quakers* Books, without any reply either to juſtifie or blame them. 4thly, They ſtill deny the Scriptures to be the Word of GOD, and rule of Faith, and aſſert the *Quakers* Infallibility.

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